



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

Cooperating with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry
and the Louisiana State University Ag Center
Louisiana Field Office · 5825 Florida Blvd · Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 922-1362 · (225) 922-0744 FAX www.nass.usda.gov/la

For Crop Week Ending May 8, 2011

Released May 9, 2011

Volume 11 Number 10

CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.8
Soil moisture supplies: 21% very short, 32% short, 38% adequate and 9% surplus

Field Crops Report
Early in the week rainfall across parts of the state provided relief for most crops. The rainfall allowed for soybean planting to shift into high gear. Planting of rice was almost completed as many producers applied topdressing and herbicides to fields. Some rice fields recovered from being battered due to one to two weeks of windy weather. Wheat harvest started. Sugarcane producers continued fertilizing. Warmer days and night aided in the growing conditions for many crops.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Strawberry harvest continued. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insect and scab control. Vegetable producers sold some produce and worked other crops. Crawfish producers drained their ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Pasture conditions showed improvement due to the recent rain. Hay producers cut ryegrass for hay. Cattle producers continued working cattle.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	99	98	98	97
Cotton	Planted	78	64	63	66
	Emerged	61	N/A	36	41
Hay	First Cutting	44	33	42	33
Rice	Planted	96	94	95	93
	Emerged	93	81	88	83
Sorghum	Planted	99	98	90	85
	Emerged	98	94	59	63
Soybeans	Planted	67	55	50	58
	Emerged	43	N/A	32	42
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	4	N/A	5	1
Winter Wheat	Turning Color	94	75	62	77

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	29	48	22
Sorghum	0	0	22	57	21
Rice	1	3	26	60	10
Sugarcane	4	16	34	29	17
Winter Wheat	0	5	26	66	3
Livestock	3	11	39	44	3
Vegetables	5	12	38	42	3
Pasture	6	25	39	29	1

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/02/11 TO 05/08/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	45	MM	70	0.04	3.58	11.62	19.47
Minden	86	43	63	69	0.15	4.51	13.80	21.54
Mooringsport	86	46	64	MM	0.40	3.50	13.80	17.42
Shreveport South	88	44	65	MM	0.12	3.90	12.88	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	88	43	65	69	0.26	3.70	12.88	19.89
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	42	62	69	0.63	9.29	17.42	22.42
Homer/Hill Farm	MM	39	MM	68	0.30	4.72	15.14	21.65
Extreme/Average	84	39	MM	69	MM.MM	MM.MM	MM.MM	22.63
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	47	66	69	2.08	10.36	24.46	25.07
LSU-St Joseph	(90)	44	66	71	0.68	2.86	22.29	24.46
Tallulah	86	48	68	69	0.95	6.20	24.59	24.42
Extreme/Average	90	44	67	70	1.52	10.36	24.46	24.38
4. West-Central								
Leesville	87	46	68	70	0.11	1.79	12.08	21.44
LSU-Rosepine	88	42	67	70	0.28	1.90	9.99	21.14
Ashland	86	(37)	64	68	0.00	2.18	12.22	21.61
Hodges Gardens	87	47	68	MM	0.55	1.06	11.66	21.21
Extreme/Average	88	37	67	70	0.24	1.73	12.15	21.29
5. Central								
Alexandria	88	47	67	71	1.44	1.71	13.97	23.02
Bunkie	88	46	68	71	0.73	1.47	12.80	24.28
LSU-Alexandria	MM	MM	MM	71	3.01	3.53	15.83	21.98
Extreme/Average	88	46	67	72	1.09	1.59	13.39	23.16
6. East-Central								
LSU-Hammond	84	41	65	71	0.14	0.41	15.46	24.67
Slidell	84	48	69	72	0.01	0.02	10.10	23.63
Extreme/Average	84	41	67	72	0.08	0.22	12.78	24.74
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	88	46	67	71	0.39	2.57	13.69	21.59
Jennings	87	47	67	72	1.15	2.47	13.92	19.72
LSU-Crowley	85	47	68	73	1.27	4.59	13.84	20.57
Oberlin Fire Tow	87	44	68	73	1.06	2.46	12.16	23.17
Extreme/Average	88	44	67	72	0.97	3.02	13.31	19.97
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	89	45	67	72	0.02	0.24	11.77	21.98
LSU-Jeanerette	89	47	68	72	0.23	0.58	8.24	19.79
Morgan City	84	49	68	72	0.00	0.04	7.23	20.42
Lafayette	88	45	67	73	0.90	3.47	14.17	21.49
Extreme/Average	89	45	68	73	0.29	1.08	10.35	20.76
9. Southeast								
LSU Coastal Area	85	56	72	74	0.00	0.18	10.49	20.78
Galliano	84	52	71	73	0.00	0.00	14.57	21.80
Houma	87	48	69	73	0.01	0.03	5.91	20.74
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	0.01	7.62	21.72
Extreme/Average	87	48	70	73	0.00	0.06	MM.MM	22.22
State Averages	90	37	67	71	0.61	2.53	14.15	22.07

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 8, 2011

The Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary is published weekly beginning the second week of March and ending the first week of December by USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service's Louisiana Field Office. Subscription is free to respondents and cooperators, \$12.00 annually to all others.

For free automatic e-mail subscription to this publication, go to our homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and click on "Subscribe to LA reports" on the right hand side of the page. Choose the reports you want to receive, and complete the form.

PRST STD
US POSTAGE PAID
MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 39205
PERMIT NO. G-38



Louisiana Crop-Weather Summary
(ISSN 0273-8848) (225) 922-1362
5825 Florida Blvd., PO Box 65038
Baton Rouge, LA 70896-5038